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Lesson 36 Answers and Comments

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Body	mount
spirit	candlestick
God,s	spirit
Death	writing
Life	hand
Angels	pattern
Principalities	mouth
Powers	lips
Present	honor
Come	removed
Height	heart
Depth	precept
Creature	men
Separate	hear
Love	words
Change do	
Justifieth	mouth
Continue	love
Sin	heart

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A believer is to be a pattern of good works. We are to example all those things we studied back in I Tim. 4:12. God chose to leave us here on the planet for a reason!

God has chosen to use His church, believers, to reach the unsaved, establish each other in the faith, and to bring glory to Himself. Are you bored with life? Find yourself drifting without any purpose for living? Trying to cram as much pleasure for yourself into each day? God has a plan, a purpose for your life. It,s the same plan that He has for every believer.

I Cor. 15:58 „Therefore, my beloved, brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.%

Lesson 37 A Pattern of Good Works

Titus 2:7 „In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works:%

When contemplating the subject of „works% in the age of grace, Eph. 2:10 comes to mind. „For we are his _____, created in Christ Jesus unto _____, which God hath before _____ that we should _____ in them.%

This verse is packed with powerful doctrine. First we see that the believer is God,s workmanship, the product of a work that God has done. No work of our own went into this creation! We read back in verse 9 „Not of _____%. Every believer is a result of a work that God has done. Only God can take one who was a sinner, enemy of God, without strength, child of disobedience, child of darkness, under the power of darkness, dead to God and dead in our sins and make them a saint, child of God, joint heir with Christ, child of Light, member of the kingdom of His dear Son, citizen of heaven, alive unto God, and beloved of the Lord.

Dear friend, don,t ever cease to rejoice in the good work God has done in you. Phil. 1:6 „Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a _____ in you will perform it until the day of _____.

Our verse in Eph. 2:10 goes on to say „created in Christ Jesus% God,s work in us has everything to do with what Christ has done on our behalf, and our position in Him.

II Cor. 5:21 „For he hath made him (Christ) to be _____ for us, who knew no sin, that we might be _____ the _____ of God _____.

The moment someone places their faith in the blood of Christ as the full payment for their sin, God takes all the merits of Christ's death and imputes them to their account! Only the blood of Christ could secure peace with God, forgiveness and eternal life.

Once you've become God's workmanship, then and only then can you begin to serve Him. Go back to Eph. 2:10 and read further. „created in Christ Jesus unto _____,“ This is God's plan and purpose for each and every believer. This purpose for the believer has been before _____ according to Eph. 2:10. God, before ordained, prepared, some things that He wanted each and every believer to walk in.

As new creations in Christ, we are created unto good works. Notice here the very important word „unto“. Our salvation is not by good works but unto good works. These good works are things that God pre-prepared for us to walk in.

In order for the believer to walk in the good works that God wants us to walk in we must first know what God is doing, what His plan and purpose is. Look at Col. 1:9,10 to see how knowing and doing go hand in hand.

Lesson 37 Continued

In Col. 1:9 we read „For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, And to _____ that ye might be _____ with the _____ of his _____ in all _____ and spiritual _____;“ To the intent verse 10 „That ye might _____ worthy of the Lord unto all _____, being _____ in every _____, and increasing in the _____ of God.“

To serve God unto „all pleasing% the believer must have a clear understanding of what the will of God is. The „will of God% is not referring to a „personal will of God for you% but a knowledge of the plan and purposes God has for the present dispensation of grace that you and I live in.

Why is this important? According to I Cor. 3:9 „we are _____ together with _____:% If we are to co-labor with God we need to be working on the same things! How sad to see believers, ignorant of the „will of God%, caught up in meaningless activity. It is every believer,s responsibility to: II Tim. 2:15 „_____ to shew thyself approved unto God, a _____ that needeth not to be _____, rightly _____ the word of truth.%

We are referred to here as workmen. And what will keep us from being ashamed of our work? Rightly dividing the word of TRUTH. Understanding the truth of God,s word that is written to us is absolutely essential if we want to do the good works before ordained by God that we are to walk in. This is not hard, this is not complicated, this is not impossible to know. Simply put, go to Paul, God,s spokesman for the dispensation of grace, the one to whom God made known the knowledge of His Will!

Eph. 3:1-10. Read this passage over and over again.

We know from Paul, that Israel with all her kingdom truth was rejected and has been set aside. Working to help God bring in the kingdom is not what God is doing today! Men, the church and world around you desperately need you to have an intelligent understanding of God,s plan and program for today. You are to be a pattern of these things from which others can follow. The choice is really up to each of us.

Look back at Eph. 2:10 „which God hath before ordained that we _____ walk in them.% Should is not the same as must. Should implies that some believers may of may not choose to walk in good works. Under the gospel of the kingdom, works were required as an evidence of salvation.

Matt. 7:20 „Wherefore by their _____ ye shall know them.% The book of James, written to the 12 _____ which are _____ abroad in James 1:1, is a great study on Israel,s faith and works program. There is no „should% in James 2:20-26. Do you see how important rightly dividing is?

Next week we will look at God,s „dispensation of grace%, good works and the provisions God has made for the performing of them. Till then „be fruitful in every good work.%